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**IMPERIAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR HANK KUIPER
ELECTED AS SCAG'S SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

LOS ANGELES – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announced the election today of Imperial County Supervisor Hank Kuiper as its new Second Vice President.

“I look forward to taking on this important leadership position with SCAG at such a critical time,” said Supervisor Kuiper. “The agency is planning to release *Destination 2030*, its Regional Transportation Plan, this fall, an important blueprint for Southern California’s transportation future. The plan will highlight the numerous congestion, air quality and land use challenges our region faces, and SCAG will be working with its partners at the local level to ensure that they have the tools they need to meet these challenges.”

Since his appointment to SCAG, Supervisor Kuiper has assumed a leadership role with the regional planning agency, serving as the Vice Chairman of SCAG’s Energy and Environment Committee. Prior to his election to the second district of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors in 2000, Supervisor Kuiper served on the El Centro City Council from 1985 to 1997, including three stints as Mayor. Supervisor Kuiper has also been active at the community level, serving as president of the El Centro Chamber of Commerce and as a leader with the El Centro Elks Lodge and Rotary. He also served nine years in the U.S. Navy, including duty at the Naval Air Stations at El Centro, Miramar and Iceland.